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Report of the Main Committee

Addendum

1. At the ___ meeting, on ___ September 1995, the Main Committee approved paragraphs 47 and 48, the introduction to chapter IV, of the draft platform for action and recommended them to the plenary for adoption.

2. Statements, observations and reservations were made by the representatives of Canada, Benin, Egypt, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ecuador, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, New Zealand, Israel, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Jamaica, Brazil, Colombia, Yemen, Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Bolivia, Norway, Belize, South Africa, Kuwait, Senegal, Slovenia, Ghana, Australia, Bangladesh, Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire, Algeria, the Sudan, the United States of America, Nigeria, Guatemala, Barbados, Chile, Latvia, Venezuela and the Cook Islands.

3. The text of paragraphs 47 and 48 reads as follows:

47. In each critical area of concern, the problem in diagnosed and strategic objectives are proposed with concrete actions to be taken by various actors in order to achieve those objectives. The strategic objectives are derived from the critical areas of concern and specific actions to be taken to achieve them cut across boundaries of equality, development and peace - the goals of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women - and reflect their interdependence. The objectives and actions are interlinked, of high priority and mutually reinforcing. The Platform for Action is intended to improve the situation of all women, without exception, who often face similar barriers while special attention should be given to groups that are the most disadvantaged.

48. The Platform for Action recognizes that women face barriers to full equality and advancement because of such factors as their race, age, language, ethnicity, culture, religion or disability, because they are indigenous women or because of other status. Many women encounter specific obstacles related to their family status, particularly as single parents; and to their socio-economic status, including their living conditions in rural, isolated or impoverished areas. Additional barriers also exist for refugee women, other displaced women, including internally displaced women as well as for immigrant women and migrant women, including women migrant workers. Many women are also particularly affected by environmental disasters, serious and infectious diseases and various forms of violence against women.

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